GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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STRIKE BY PORT WORKERS
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Port workers in Visakhapatnam had gone on strike in January, 2002;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) Yes, Sir. Marine crew of Visakhapatnam Port numbering about 700 persons belonging to 3 Unions struck work on 23.12.2001. Two of the three Unions withdrew from the strike and reported to duty on 29.12.2001 and the third Union also called off the strike on 5.1.2002.

(b) The marine personnel had struck work demanding introduction of new incentive scheme for the personnel working in floating craft section. The demand envisaged computation of incentive based on Dead Weight Tonnage of vessels calling at the Port as against existing system of computing incentive based on number of movements performed by each vessel.

(c) Port authorities had several rounds of discussions with the Union leaders and also expressed willingness to modify existing incentive scheme in a more liberal manner so as to resolve the issue. Finally the strike was called off unconditionally.